Historical Committee

MetMUNC XLVIII

Topic: Sengoku Jidai Procedure

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[This committee will simulate a conference between clans in the year 1478. We encourage you to research events that take place post-1478 as they may come into play during committee it will not be the central focus of your research. We also encourage dressing up in outfits reminiscent of the time period, but make sure to keep the clothing appropriate AND NO WEAPONS!]

(Note: If you know the formats for directives and press releases please skip to the

Unique Procedure at the bottom of this guide)

### The Use of Directives

We will be allowing the use of both open directives and closed directives along with public releases from your clan and from the council. The use of closed directives will not be allowed until the first crisis comes to committee. Please keep in mind that closed directives will be accepted at the discretion of the chairs and if any closed directives are irrational, impossible, or inappropriate your directive will be disregarded, or your ability to send closed directives will be taken away. Also due to the committee's limitation of only having two chairs, we will only accept one directive at a time per delegate, and you must wait for a response before sending in your next directive. The ONLY exception to this rule is if a new crisis arrives which will allow a new set of directives to be sent in.

## The Format for Open Directives

As this is a constant crisis committee, the chairs will be encouraging open directives to solve crises in order to move committee along in a timely manner. An open directive will need 3 sponsors, 1 preambulatory clause, and at least 2 operative clauses. The open directive will be read out loud followed by a Question & Answer period. There will NOT be an amendment period and we will move directly into a 2 for 2 against (unless alternative motions are proposed) and then into voting procedure. It will still be a simple majority to pass an open directive.

#### The Format for Closed Directives

Closed Directive format is different from open directive. They must be specified on the note to the chairs, so that they are placed separately. The closed directive does not require Preambs or Operative words such as Condemns or Approves. A closed directive should have SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS on what they want to do. An explanation as to how and why your clan has the power to perform the action should be included. (*Example* - As ruler of Japan's capital, I have the ability to punish dissenters and arrest spies). Closed directives should be within reason of what is going on. (*Example* - If your clan were to lose a battle, then you will be unable to launch another attack. Rather, you should say to gather a new army and prepare for a defensive battle.) Closed directives that are not specific or realistic may result in unexpected events that may hurt whatever plans you may be trying to perform if the chairs accept it.

## **The Format for Press Releases**

Press Releases is a tool to announce any information they may or may not have received either through other delegates or closed directives. Press releases will be read aloud after the end

of any speakers, moderated or unmoderated caucuses. Once again the information on press releases must pertain to something in committee and be realistic. These should be used **SPARINGLY** within committee as to try and move things along quickly. The format should include a header and a paragraph detailing the information that is wanted to be shared with the commit

# **Unique Procedure**

As this is a very specific topic and committee, there will be some unique procedures. First, the Shogun will be receiving **two votes** as he is representing the Ahsikaga clan and has the title of the Shogun. The second vote comes with the title of Shogun, however, they can lose the second vote if they lose the title of shogun. Second, within directives almost anything is allowed including war and assassination; however, it will be up to the chairs on whether or not to accept the action. Third, the Shogun title can pass to a different delegate either through crisis, abdication, or force. In addition to that, if a vote for change is approved by 2/3 of the committee, the Shogun title will be removed and the next shogun will be voted on by the committee. Once a Shogun is removed, committee will enter into a special **Shogun Procedure**. In this procedure, a new Shogun will be chosen through a series of votes. In order for a clan to be on the "ballot" they must be nominated by two other clans. Once a final ballot is determined, the Shogun will be voted on. After the first round of voting, the clan with the least amount of votes will be eliminated. This will continue until there is only one clan left, and at that point, they will become the new Shogun. As mentioned previously, battles and wars will be allowed during the committee. Everyone will have a number of troops to use as you say; however, the number will be unknown to the individual delegate and will most likely be proportional to the amount of land

you own. Battles will be determined by luck, terrain and any penalties you may incur due to leadership. Clans may also have traditions, which add to bonuses in certain terrains or army compositions.